



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel Kristen B. Nichols

Lieutenant Colonel Kristen B Nichols is the Commander of the 59th Dental Support Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. The squadron provides full spectrum dental laboratory services as well as comprehensive logistical, administrative, and information technology support functions for the Air force's largest dental mission. The unit also supports dental providers caring for members of the 59th Medical Wing and 37th Training Wing. The squadron operates the Air Force's only medical Computer-Aided Design and Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) and Steriolithography center supporting DoD surgeons caring for warfighters and other beneficiaries with innovative medical modeling services.

Lt Col Nichols was commissioned into the Air Force in 2005 upon graduation from Creighton University School of Dentistry, where she was awarded a HPSP scholarship. In 2009, Lt Col Nichols completed the USAF Prosthodontic Residency Program at Lackland AFB and was also awarded a Master of Science degree from the University of Texas, Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, TX. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. She most recently completed a MBA in Health Administration from Western Governors University.



EDUCATION:

- 2001 Bachelor of Science in Health Administration & Policy, Creighton University, Omaha NE
- 2005 Doctor of Dental Surgery, Creighton University School of Dentistry, Omaha NE
- 2006 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)
- 2009 USAF Prosthodontic Residency Program Certificate, Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2009 Master of Science in Prosthodontics, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX
- 2011 Board Certified Fellow, American Board of Prosthodontics
- 2013 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)
- 2016 Master of Business Administration in Health Administration, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2017 Intermediate Executive Skills Course, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 2005-2006: General Dental Officer, 59th Dental Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
2. 2006-2009: Prosthodontic Resident, 59th Dental Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
3. 2009-2011: Prosthodontist/OIC Dental Laboratory, 21st Dental Squadron, Peterson AFB, CO
4. 2011-2014: Dental Laboratory Flight Commander, 60th Dental Squadron, Travis AFB, CA
5. 2014-2017: Dental Laboratory Flight Commander, 579th Dental Squadron, JBAB, Washington DC
6. 2017-2018: Dental Flight Commander, 11th Medical Squadron, JBAB, Washington DC
7. 2018-Present: Commander, 59th Dental Support Squadron, JBSA Lackland, TX

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Dental Association
American College of Prosthodontists
American Board of Prosthodontics

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
National Defense Service Metal
Global War on Terrorism Service Metal
AFDW Dental Educator of the Year, 2016

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Captain	May 2005
Major	May 2011
Lieutenant Colonel	May 2017

(Current as of: 25 June 2018)